

REMARKS:

Claims 6-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sperko in view of Batcheller. Claim 20 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has now canceled claims 6-13, 16 and 20 and has modified independent claims 1, 6 and 14. In view of the allowable subject matter in claim 20, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance as it incorporates the subject matter of claim 20. Claims 2, 3, 5 depend on claim 1 and likewise should be allowable. Claim 14 has been modified to include the step of forming a mark while forming a dimple. Claims 15, 17, 18 and 19 all depend directly or indirectly on claim 14. Accordingly, claims 14-19 should also be allowable.

Applicant believes with the changes made to the claims that all remaining claims as now presented are in condition for allowance over the prior art patents of Sperko and Batcheller whether such art is considered severally under §102 or in combination under §103. Claim allowance is therefore earnestly solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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